Guide to the AE9 Monguor File

/The AE9 Monguor file consists of five sources, three of which are in English, one a translation from the French and one a translation from the German. Two authors, both of them Roman Catholic missionaries, are responsible for all the materials processed. Father Louis Schram was in the area from 1911 to 1922. His works are all historically oriented. Father Dominik Schröder was among the Monguor from 1946 to 1949. The basic work, by Schram, was published in three parts. The first (1:Schram) describes their origin, history and social organization; part 2 (4:Schram) their religious life (particularly oriented towards the origin and historical development of the lamaseries from the fourteenth century to 1911), and part 3 contains records of Monguor clans in Huangchung during the Ming and Ch'ing dynasties. 2:Schram, which is a description of marriage and all that it entails, completes his analysis of Monguor culture. Schröder's description (3:Schröder) of Monguor religion complements that of Schram in that Schröder is more interested in the personal aspects of religious life rather than the organizational ones.

This file is probably the best one in the Central Asia and Chinese border area. It has materials in most of the cultural categories. It is specially full in data relating to marriage and religion, but is less full in those relating to material culture, language and human biology. No special marking decisions were made for this file.--Analyst/

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